applications by higher authority etc. RBI has been reiterating the extant guidelines to all implementing banks from time to time for strict compliance.

(iv) Banks have been instructed to dispose applications for loans up to Rs. 25000 within 2 weeks and upto Rs. 2 lakh within 4 weeks, provided the loan applications are complete in all respects.

(v) To avoid unnecessary delay and harassment of the applicants in trying to obtain 'No Dues Certificate' from other banks in the areas, it has now been decided that in the event of non-receipt of the same from the referred bank within a period of 15 days, it may not be insisted upon and will be deemed as the applicant is not having any udes with the concerned banks.

Irregularities in issue of PAN cards

†218. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the financial sector regulators probing the recent IPO scam have established a nexus among banks, brokers and depository participants in the manipulation of demat and saving bank accounts;

(b) whether the probe has also revealed the involvement of some Income Tax officers in the issue of several PAN cards that were used with benami applications for shares; and

(c) whether these PAN numbers issued by IT officials have been found fictitious?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) The enquiries and investigations made so far by SEBI and RBI seem to indicate that a few entities opened thousands of demat accounts with Depository Participants and bank accounts with Banks in the names of fictitious/benami individuals.

(b) and (c) RBI had reported that in 53 cases of IPO financing by Bharat Overseas Bank, the copies of PAN cards enclosed with loan applications raised suspicions. Investigations of these cases have revealed that all these 53 PANs were allotted in the normal course by Income Tax Department during July, 1996 to November, 2004, *i.e.*, several

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

years before the Yes Bank IPO Scam and no Income Tax Officer has played any malafide role in these.

Target for FDI

219. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set any target for Foreign Direct Investment with a viwe to speed up overall economic growth rate; and

(b) the details of Foreign Direct Investment made during each of the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL): (a) No target for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is fixed by the Government. FDI flows are determined, *inter-alia,* by Global economic situation, market conditions and Global FDI flows. Government's endeavour is to maximize FDI inflows by providing a liberal and transparent policy framework under which FDI up to 100% is allowed under the automatic route in most sectors/activities. Apart from bridging the savings—investment gap, this has resulted in bringing in modern technology, international best practices and improving the global competitiveness of Indian industry.

(b) Statement showing FDI inflows are reported to Reserve Bank of India during each of the last three years, State-wise, is enclosed (*See* below).

Statement

State-wise and financial year wise break-up of FDI inflow

(Amount in crore Rupees)

Sl. No.	State	2002-03 Apr.-Mar.	2003-04 Apr.-Mar.	2004-05 Apr.-Mar.
1.	Andhra Pradesh	242.65	353.49	747.85
2.	Assam	2.59	19.48	13.39
3.	Bihar	0.00	1.13	0.00
4.	Gujarat	550.71	917.12	610.53
5.	Karnataka	975.24	926.53	1131.34